

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

**SESSION LAW 2011-237
HOUSE BILL 846**

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE LAW THAT ALLOWS AN AGENCY ACTING AS A CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE OF A BIOLOGICAL PARENT OR AN ADULT ADOPTEE TO INCLUDE A LINEAL ASCENDANT OF A BIOLOGICAL PARENT WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT, ADULT ADOPTEE, OR THE LINEAL ASCENDANT OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT IS DECEASED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 48-9-104(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) If an agency providing confidential intermediary services determines that the person who is the subject of the search is deceased, the agency may obtain a copy of the death certificate pursuant to G.S. 130A-93 and deliver it to the person who requested the services. If the agency further determines that a lineal ascendant of the deceased person who is the subject of the search is deceased, the agency may also obtain a copy of the death certificate of the deceased lineal ascendant and deliver it to the person who requested the services."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of June, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
Governor

Approved 12:56 p.m. this 23rd day of June, 2011

